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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOMALI-PDRY RELATIONS

1. PDRY FONMIN MOHAMED SALEH MOTIE ARRIVED JULY 31 AT HEAD OF SIX MAN DELEGATION FOR THREE DAY VISIT TO SOMALIA. HE IS REPORTED TO BE CARRYING "SPECIAL MESYSAGE" FROM CHAIRMAN PDRY PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL TO PRESIDENT SIAD, WHO RECEIVED HIM AUG 1. ACCORDING TO AFRICAN AND ARAB DIPLOMATS HERE, ONE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS TO ARRANGE VISIT TO SOMALIA BY PDRY CHAIRMAN.

2. THIS IS ONE OF FAIRLY INTENSIVE SERIES OF CONTACTS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND PDRY IN RECENT WEEKS. SOMALI TRANSPORTATION EUC- RETARY AND SRC MEMBER MUSA SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN PDRY IN MID- JULY. ACCORDING LOCAL DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, FONSEC ARTEH REPORTED- LY SPENT THREE DAYS IN ADEN JUST BEFORE PODGORNY VISIT TO MOGADISCIO (JULY 8, 1974).

3. SOVIETS HAVE CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH SOMALI AND PDRY OFFICIALS IN RECENT WEEKS (PODGORNY VISIT TO
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MOGADISCIO AND SUBSEQUENT HIGH-LEVEL PDRY VISIT TO MOSCOW IN

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MID-JULY).

4. WE WONDER IF SOVIETS ARE USING SOMALIA TO ENCOURAGE PDRY TO CONCLUDE FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH USSR (AS SOMALIA DID) AND/OR WHETHER SOME SORT OF CLOSER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING WORKED OUT, PERHAPS IN ANTICIPATION OF HEIGHTENED IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA WITH OPENING OF SUEZ. PRC AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA TOLD ARAB AMBASSADOR WHO SOUGHT FORMER'S ADVICE ON SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET/SOMALI TREATY THAT PDRY WAS INTEGRAL PART OF SOVIET STRATEGY IN AREA.
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